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Super leagues — the cure for soccer's ills and a lure for big sponsors

The States' super leagues proposal is the most constructive and most sensible solution yet offered as a cure to soccer's ills. It must be frustrating to everyone who has the welfare of soccer at heart that the National League opposes super leagues not because they are a bad idea but rather for political reasons.

The men who run the NSL fear that by competing in federation-run super leagues, they would lose control over top soccer.

Yet even this argument does not stand up to scrutiny.

The States are bending over backwards to accommodate the NSL clubs, so much so that there is no doubt at all that the leaders of those clubs would win positions of power in State Federations should they decide to compete in the super leagues network.

The super leagues concept involves quite simply the best possible clubs in each State competing in an elite league, with the top



By LAURIE SCHWAB

teams from the various States playing off in a national championship competition at the end of the season.

The NSL's proposal to enlarge its league from 16 to 24 clubs and then regionalise the league into two regions, made up to two divisions each, is not all that different.

Under this proposal, Section A of the southern region would comprise Heidelberg, Hellas, J.U.S.T., Makedonia and the four strongest clubs from the Victorian State League — presumably Croatia, Juventus, Sunshine-George Cross and perhaps Polonia, Ajax or Fawkner.

Similarly, Section A of the northern region would include the five Sydney-based NSL

clubs plus the three strongest from the NSW State League.

It's the same concept as the States' proposed super leagues.

The difference is that the super leagues would be State-controlled, while the National League has its own management committee, which is answerable to the ASF.

But is it really a difference?

Super leagues also would have their own management committee, so the member clubs still would be in control of their own destinies. In fact, they would have greater control, for as federation members, it is possible for them to put up delegates to the ASF.

Theoretically then present NSL officials eventually could comprise the bulk of the NSL

delegates whereas at the moment, the NSL has only one delegate on the ASF.

So much for the NSL's argument of losing ASF control.

I have written ever since the NSL started that the concept of the league is all wrong.

A country as large as Australia needs a much bigger spectator base to justify such a huge outlay on travel and accommodation.

The parochial and fiercely partisan nature of the Australian soccer fan also works against a national league being successful in the long run... and this is an argument supported fully by the NSL itself.

The NSL acknowledges that fans are interested only in seeing their own team. Hence, when a Sydney or Melbourne club plays against a club from interstate, it is only the local fans who pay their money at the gate. From that money, the club has to survive for two weeks.

It is an undeniable fact that only local derbies draw respectable crowds, simply because the visiting club is able to bring along its own supporters, from within the same city.

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NSL ON COURSE TO SELF- DESTRUCTION!

By JACK REILLY



World-wide professional sport is on the verge of collapse, with liabilities far exceeding assets, and Australian soccer is no healthier. Most NSL clubs are in debt, living from week to week. Overpaid players and coaches are owed money all over the country, and that is not their fault.

The commitments were entered into by club administrators, believing the short-cut to success is to pamper players.

How wrong they are!

Players are the employees of clubs and should be treated as such. I wrote in an article about 18 months ago that player power is rife in Australia, and my opposition to it certainly has not changed, particularly after having witnessed the recent assassination of Rale Radic at South Melbourne Hellas. More about that later.

Let's look at what's happening

In Australian soccer, State and national executives are at loggerheads, and all the talk is about super leagues. I believe super leagues are our only salvation, but what would a Victorian super league be without Makedonia, Heidelberg-Alexander, Hellas and JUST?

They are the clubs that make turnstiles in this State click, and turnstiles produce the dollars so necessary to the continuing viability of the game. The starved fan is still there, as witnessed by the 17,000 at the early-season fixture between Hellas and Heidelberg, and by the many who attended the Australia v England matches.

However, the NSL is hell-bent on a self-destructive course.

Player-power led to Rasic downfall

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KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



The Australian Soccer Federation should be ashamed of itself for disallowing a visit by Aris of Greece and Boavista of Portugal.

Novasport, an Australian company that was going to bring out these two clubs, has had to cancel the tour because of the ASF's opposition.

And the tour was to have included matches in Malaysia and Kuwait as well.

It seems ridiculous that the ASF can disappoint the hundreds of thousands of Greek people in Melbourne and Sydney who were looking forward to seeing Aris play.

The teams were to have played each other in Melbourne on August 5 and in Sydney on August 10 — both night games, meaning they would not have harmed the NSL competition.

One of the reasons given by the ASF was that the games would in some way harm the international tournament planned in November between Cameroon, Australia, Uruguay and Poland.

How that is possible is beyond me. Please explain it to me, someone.

Alan Lilić, the managing director of Novasport, said the ASF's ban was a "slap in the face of the Australian soccer public," and that nothing short of an official enquiry would satisfy all soccer lovers. I agree totally.

And I believe the ASF banned the tour even without consulting many of its State delegations. How is that possible?

The visit of Aris and Boavista would have given us a tremendous opportunity to compare the standard of our

Aris ban insult to fans

NSL with the standard of overseas competition.

How can we only hope that the clubs will be allowed to visit next year, for I understand Novasport will try again.

Davidson's dilemma

Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas finds himself in a pleasant dilemma.

The choice he faces is to stay here and continue playing for Hellas and Australia, or go overseas.

Davidson has been invited by Bayern Munich for a trial, with all expenses paid, and he's also been approached by various English clubs, including West Ham.

I was in a similar position, when I received an offer from Olympique.

I knocked it back in order to return to Australia, my family and my friends, because when you have a good job here and when you play with one of the top clubs, the income is comparable with that in Europe.

It would be a big step for Davo, and I'm sure he could make it overseas. If you make such a step you have to make it when you're young.

Super leagues are best

Reading about the States' proposal to start their own super leagues, with a national championship at the end, leads me to the conclusion that it would be the best solution for soccer as a whole.

Super leagues would cut down travelling costs and they would guarantee a lot more local derbies, which is the only way clubs can make money.

Welcome back captain

It's good to see "Captain Socceroo" back on Channel 0/28, and I congratulate the channel for programming it in the 6pm time-slot on Mondays and Tuesdays, — the ideal time for the kids who watch it.

The programme is very important to the development of young players, for it gives them an added appetite for the game and keeps their interest up.

The youngsters constitute the future of the game in Australia, so if the programme helps them, it is doing an invaluable service.

At the start, I was one of the candidates to host the show, when the job went to Murray Barnes of Sydney City, and I wish him all the best.

The programme will present the kids the best players of the NSL, and will give them something to aim for.

While I'm on the subject, congratulations to Channel 0/28 for their coverage of Australian soccer, and particularly for moving the "Match of the Day" to the earlier 7.30 pm time-slot.

Wayne Farnsworth is 'Australia's Gerd Mueller'

Import Latins to lift our game: Martinez

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

Melita Eagles teenager Wayne Farnsworth is better than Craig Johnston. In fact he's the Gerd Mueller of Australian soccer.

"So says Hector Martinez, a former team mate of Farnsworth. Martinez left Melita three weeks ago to join NSW State League rival Auburn."

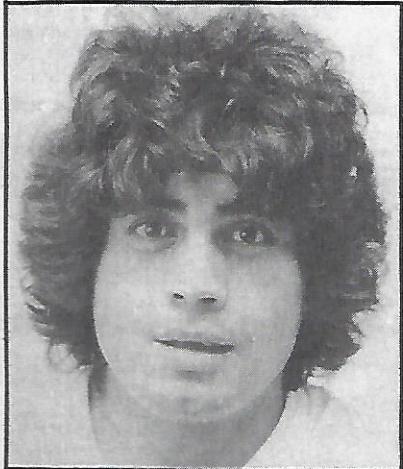
"Wayne Farnsworth gives soccer everything he's got. His attitude is incredible for an Australian teenager. He shows just how good some of our youngsters are. English coaches should come and have a look at this kid because his ability is outstanding," said Martinez.

"Back 29 years ago in Rosario in Argentina, Martinez arrived in Australia in December, 1974 and has played with Pan Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic), Manly Warringah, Croatia Deakin, St George Budapest, Yugal, Auburn and Melita. This is his second stint with Auburn. Martinez prides himself on his heavy-set dribbling skills. 'I don't learn these things from anyone. They were given to me by God,' he says."

"His first match back at Mona Park was, against Manly, two weeks ago. An unhappy Martinez takes up the tale.

"I was deliberately elbowed in the face by a Manly player and I had to come off in the second half. I know who the player was, but I'm not going to mention his name," said the Argentinian.

"It happens to me all the time. Opponents always try to knock me down. I dribble a lot



Hector Martinez — Pan Hellenic, St George, Manly, Croatia Deakin, Melita Eagles — and now Auburn.

and it stands out. It must upset them."

Skill in soccer is a favorite Martinez conversation piece. He has seen no improvement in playing standards here since 1974 and he can't understand why clubs don't import more South American or European players.

"It's always English or Scottish players who come here. Why? Their skills are not as good as the South Americans or some of the Europeans. Everyone else in the world recognises that if we bring in skillful players here then the standards will rise and the crowds will grow.

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Docherty want to go to England for players. Why? I say they should go to South America. There's a will get players who don't just play for the money but play for the love of the game. Soccer's like a religion in South America. Everyone lives for it. We make soccer balls out of anything, just to have a game to play. You see it everywhere. That's what loving the game is about.

"Any club in Australia that wants to import First Division players from Argentina can contact me and I'll help. I know the right people in Argentina and I can arrange for good players to come here. Martinez played with Argentinian

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Argentine star would like to try Hellas

tine giant River Plate as a teenager, working his way up from the fifth to the third grade team. He joined rival Buenos Aires club Atlanta as an 18-year-old, mainly playing in the reserves but coming on as a substitute in a few first team games. He stayed with Atlanta for three years, then switched to Ferro Carril Oeste, also in First Division. At Ferro he became a first team regular as a striker.

Rafe Basic, then coach of Pan Hellenic met Martinez in Buenos Aires and arranged for the skilful Argentinian to come to Australia.

"Rasic taught me a lot about fitness and the physical aspects of playing here," he says.

Raul Blanco took over from Rasic who took up a better offer. Like Martinez, Blanco is Argentinian. The pair have been together, as player and coach, in three clubs: Pan Hellenic, St George Budapest and Melita Eagles. Martinez respects Blanco, both as a coach and as a man, but he freely admits that his most recent switch of clubs, from the Blanco-led Melita to the John McDonald-led Auburn, hurt him.

"I didn't like sitting on the bench or playing in Melita's Second Grade side. I want to play first team soccer. I sat on the bench at Melita. But I sat for what time I couldn't do it any longer. He should have told me in a straightforward way that he didn't think I was good enough for his first team. He obviously thought that because he selects the team. Yes, I am disappointed with him for not telling me why he wouldn't pick me."

Martinez played with Pan Hellenic from 1975 to 1977 when he joined Manly on a free transfer for the second half of the season. He played with Croatia Deakin in 1977 and 1978 but he never settled in Canberra.

"The standard was very poor there. Things were run in an amateurish way even though the Croatian people did everything they could for the club. I wanted to get back to Sydney and when the chance came to join St George on loan in 1979 I was really glad to take it."



TOP: Wayne Farnsworth of Melita Eagles, hailed as Australia's Gerd Mueller. ABOVE: Mueller himself, being congratulated by team mates Paul Breitner (left), Franz Beckenbauer and Wolfgang Overath (right) after scoring West Germany's winning goal against Holland in the 1974 World Cup final.

Joe Gelei was coaching Hungarian-sponsored St George Budapest when Martinez joined but that very season Blanco replaced Gelei. Yugal approached Blanco, trying to sign Martinez who was finding it hard to establish himself in the first team because of the squad. The Argentinian joined Yugal until the end of the season and in 1980 was bought by Auburn for about \$1500 from Croatia Deakin, which had Martinez tied to it.

"I've had lots of clubs. That's because they come and ask me to join and I agree. Why not? They want me, so I go there."

"When I first joined Auburn, Vic Dalgleish was in charge of the first team. From everything I know about soccer I can tell you that this man is a really good coach. Especially for the young players. He did a lot to develop Tom McCulloch.

He's one of the best coaches I've seen."

"Melita took him as coach in 1981 and he took me to Melita. It is a great club for me, because as soon as I walked in the players treated me like I had been there for years. It was terrific."

"You know, I've played in four top four semi-finals in the past six years with different clubs."

"If I have to pick the best club I've been at then it has to be Pan Hellenic. I had a great time there. People treated me really well. They would walk up to me in the street and want to shake my hand. I really felt at home."

"Olympic (formerly Pan Hellenic) is the only club in Sydney to play for, as far as I'm concerned. I'd like to get back into the NSL. I'd love to meet Tommy Docherty, because I hear that he's a good coach."

"Then again, maybe I'll go to Melbourne next year. I've been thinking of it recently. I'd like to have a go there and show the people what I can do. South Melbourne Hellas is the club I'd like to have a trial with. I'm on loan from Melita at present and I think that there's only about \$1100 on my head."

"We'll have to wait until next year before finding out the soccer fate of the ball-playing Martinez. His record of changing clubs suggests that he won't be wearing Auburn colors in 1984, which will be a loss to a club struggling to attract young customers. Martinez's dribbling skills are well known in Sydney. His appearance in Melbourne would add color to the Victorian scene, and players of his calibre always will attract media attention."

More importantly, they attract fans."

McLachlan's dealings show \$19,000 profit

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Bobby McLachlan continues to enhance his managerial reputation on as one of the finest wheelers and dealers in Australia.

McLachlan earned this reputation during three years with Victorian State League champion Green Gully Ajax when he turned over his playing staff at an enormous rate but always leaving the balance of the transfer deals favoring Ajax.

He has done the same at

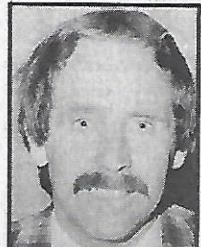
J.U.S.T. this year although the soccer press hasn't reported his success with the same enthusiasm of previous years. Nevertheless, a look at the money paid for players who have been sold by J.U.S.T., compared with the money outlaid for new signings, shows that McLachlan's dealings give J.U.S.T. a \$19,000 profit and in such hard financial times one cannot overstate their importance.

The biggest outlay on newcomers involved the \$12,000 deal which saw Jamie Paton and Ken Taylor joining J.U.S.T. from Heidelberg Alexander. Our figures refer only to transfer fees. They do not take signing-on fees into consideration, although McLachlan

have been signed but one of them, Gus Macleod, isn't included in our figures. He was bought from Green Gully Ajax earlier this year, for \$3,500, and sold to Croydon last month for the same amount.

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Bobby McLachlan

and the J.U.S.T. committee successfully have adopted a more realistic, hard-line policy in this area.

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The table below lists all player movements at Footscray J.U.S.T. this year, with the transfer fees involved:

SOLED	TO	FEE
Zoran Iloski	Preston Makedonia	\$20,000
Milan Kojic	Fawkner	Free
Dragan Vasic	Richmond	\$1,000
Jim Konderios	Fawkner	\$4,000
Jim O'Reilly	Sun. George Cross	\$3,000
Jim Milne	Sth. Melb. Mordialloc	\$3,000
Mendo Ristovski	Altona Gate	\$2,500
Bruno Cozzella	Fawkner	\$1,000
Mike Kupinic	Richmond	Free
Slobodan Popovic	Fawkner	Free

BOUGHT	FROM	FEE
Jamie Paton	Heidelberg Alexander	\$12,000
Ken Taylor	Heidelberg Alexander	\$2,000
Joe Carroll	Ringwood Wilhelmina	\$1,500
Brian O'Donnell	Blacktown (on loan)	Free
Gary McDowell	Hamilton Academicals	Free
Ian Purdie	Canberra	Free
Graham Tutil	Frankston City	Free

\$34,500

Jokic follows Rasic

South Melbourne Hellas continued its purge by sacking Alex Jokic, the most highly-qualified physiotherapist in Victorian soccer.

Hellas previously had sacked coach Rafe Basic and assistant coach Jack Reilly.

Jokic was told simply that "we need new faces in the dressing room."

He is bitterly disappointed at the club's action.

"It is an insult to my reputation," he said. "I have worked well with all the players, and I have talked with coach McKendry about our new association. He was happy with me, so I fail to see why the committee decided to dispense with my services."

Jokic has his own physiotherapy practice at Mt Eliza, and worked in top-level soccer in West Germany. He was the physiotherapist to Polonia before joining Hellas.

Rasic meanwhile, returned to Sydney last Friday, still bitterly disappointed over his sacking.

He is pushing ahead with his claim for financial compensation — through the courts if necessary — and until the matter is finalised, I urge you to make any public statements.

Know that Rasic however, he eventually will put his side of the story — but pulling any punches.

Super leagues the cure to soccer's ills

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It is because the league needs many more such local derbies that it wants to recruit top State League clubs from Melbourne and Sydney. This also would eliminate much of the travelling costs.

A regionalised national league would have play-offs at the end of the season, between north and south, to determine the national championship. In which way then, is the super league proposal so radically different, so unacceptable to the NSL that it would limp on in its present 16-team format rather than compete in State-run super leagues?

Of course you may also ask why the State federations are opposing the NSL's proposed 24-team structure.

The answer, quite simply, is that the States are not about to stand back and have their top leagues torn apart by the NSL taking away the top State League clubs.

They are standing up for themselves — and high time, too!

For no matter what happens in soccer, the federation structure never will change, for the States run soccer by virtue of their constitutions, and it was the States that set up the Australian Soccer Federation.

If the NSL continues in its present form, it is unlikely that crowds will increase because home clubs will continue to have only one set of spectators instead of two.

Although the NSL is an appendage of the ASF, it is not really a part of the Australian structure of soccer leagues, because it has cut itself off from the traditional process of promotion and relegation.

It is fair to say that State federations tolerate the NSL, rather than embracing it.

The clubs that make up the federations — particularly the State League clubs — were dealt a heavy financial blow when they lost the income generated from games against the Maroons, Hellases, Macedonias, APIAS and Heideburgers.

That resulted in State League clubs becoming weaker. Although the Croatians, for example, still have sizable support, it is fair to say that support could have been much, much higher, had other leagues rather than the NSL been formed in 1977.

Without the action now being taken by the States, we would run the risk of State

League clubs getting even weaker year by year. The NSL could struggle along for a few more years yet, but when some of its member clubs are forced by financial pressures to withdraw — and it's happened before — where would the replacement clubs come from?

Soccer in Australia is not only about the NSL, particularly when so many of the NSL games are now drawing less than 1000 people.

Soccer in Australia is about the many people who make up the game right through the ranks, down to the lowest of divisions. Only when all those people are unified under one umbrella, will the benefits of that strength flow to all.

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A super leagues network at least would give us a chance of doing this.

Promotion and relegation would be automatic through the ranks in every State of Australia.

Within each super league, the incentive would be to finish among the top two or three in order to advance to the national championship play-offs.

Now, if all soccer were unified under common aims and ambitions, with super leagues advancing to national play-offs, you could sell Australian soccer in its entirety to a national sponsor.

That sponsor would get exposure not from only one league, but through every division of every State, and eventually through the national championship play-offs.

But there's more still.

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A sponsor would get exposure not from only one league but through every division of every State and eventually through the national championship play-offs.

The States have taken the first step.

Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia have suggested they will run their super leagues with or without the participation of the present NSL clubs.

Let's hope that it's not just an idle threat, pointed at the NSL like the barrel of a gun.

And let's hope that for the good of Australian soccer, the NSL clubs see the wisdom of the new structure and decide to become a part of it.

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But I can see no sense in a system that causes friction and fragmentation and that will, in the long run, contribute to decimation.

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In Victoria, for example, two clubs see nothing wrong with super leagues, one is undecided, and only one opposes the concept.

Perhaps there's hope yet — if not for 1984, then perhaps for 1985 ... or '86.

AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW . . .

TAUT NERVES CAN CAUSE NSL BREAK



By ANDREW DETTRE

The endless arguments, often stretching into the night on the well-worn subject of "what's-the-matter-with-soccer" continue Australia-wide.

Even those who only glance at soccer occasionally on TV are brave enough to express firm views, offering salvation for the game.

Not surprisingly, almost all part-time theoreticians as well as hardened club ideologues get bogged down in details: it's the old "tree and forest" syndrome.

Here I would like to confine my own views to the game's structural weaknesses.

For a starter, let me express the heretical opinion that we have no national soccer association or federation at all.

The Australian Soccer Federation, which was originally conceived for that purpose, is a mythical body, almost like the Holy Trinity: it is and it isn't.

The ASF's inherent, probably incurable illness is that it is merely a forum for state delegates, people who represent the interests of their own states.

I know that's important, too — but beyond that the ASF should have an executive with independent members — totally divorced from state federations.

Without that the ASF simply has no spokesman for national matters, only parochial ones.

If five or more men were elected to the executive NOT as state delegates but as independent soccer identities (almost used the word "thinkers") we would have a national body.

Until then the ASF is merely a Persian market where isolated local problems motivate decisions on national matters — not to mention the equally frequent cases of personal vendettas, egotism and the machinations of individuals whose only driving force in the game is their hatred for others.

Against a backdrop like that, even the most utterly devoted and brilliant president and secretary would be doomed to fail, let alone the ordinary mortals now filling such positions.

If I can level a serious charge against Sir Arthur George it is simply that in all his years of presidency he did not even seriously try to remodel the ASF. Perhaps it didn't suit him, maybe he felt it was a futile task. But when he steps down, he will leave behind the structure in just as hopeless a state as he inherited it.

Taking this argument a major step further: the NSL is likely to struggle for ever, until its disintegration — unless it acquires a good deal of independence.

It is too grotesque for words that our most elite league should have about the same number of votes in the ASF as the referees, who are other affairs.

For this state of affairs, you can blame the "Founding Fathers" of the NSL who, in their haste in 1976, ignored repeated warnings about the danger of becoming a mere offshoot of the ASF — namely, the already jealous and hostile state federation.

AND A READER'S OPINION . . .

SIR — I would like to concentrate on the National League format for the future. Everyone within soccer has had their say — the clubs, administrators, the federations, the press and the marketing people but the people who really count, the public, have been silent up to date. Their feelings have not been considered at all and yet they are the people who support the game.

Firstly I see the problems with soccer today being:

1. Too many clubs within the Metro Leagues are trying to become too big. There are not enough people available to follow the game to make all these clubs successful. Therefore we have the situation that clubs are neither successful nor big and they just stay in Limbo.

2. Spectator facilities at many clubs are appalling as many of the playing surfaces.

3. It is up to the clubs to upgrade their facilities so as to improve their crowds and the standard of soccer. But because we have too many clubs aiming for goals not within their reach, other clubs with a chance of success are being deprived.

Example are South Melbourne Hellas, Caulfield and South Oakleigh. Hellas

relies on the other two clubs for supporters on a Sunday. Supporters will only support a winning team so when Hellas is losing the supporters are happy just to follow Caulfield or South Oakleigh. But the point is that there are only four Victorian berths in the NSL at present so only one of these Greek clubs can be a real success, yet there is a group of supporters putting money into two or three of these clubs. This is wrong. As much money as possible should go to Hellas to allow them to improve their facilities for the Victorian soccer public generally. There are other similar situations such as this occurring throughout Victoria. South Caulfield and Caulfield are spending lots of money which will be wasted in the long run because there are too many clubs hoping to reach the top league even though the vacancies are not there for all of them.

I believe that the Super Leagues are the best proposition controlled by a National Body, independent of the A.S.F. and State Federations. I also believe after the construction of the Super Leagues that the State Leagues and Metropolitan Leagues should have amateur status. The Super Leagues should be the only professional leagues in Australia. Also there should be no promotion or relegation between the

Super Leagues and State Leagues. The State Leagues should be a breeding ground for the Super Leagues. The situation could be reviewed after five years. There should be an import quota of two players per club. This should not vary and it should also apply only to the Super Leagues. Therefore the State Leagues would consist solely of local talent. There should be two Super Leagues in each State, consisting of 12 teams per division and they would all play on Sunday while the Metro Leagues and State Leagues would all play on a Saturday. On the Sunday the Senior Leagues that play for fun and Junior Leagues should all be completed by 2pm to allow everybody to attend the Super League games.

Other proposals:

1. A top four national play-off series at the end of the season between all the Super Leagues top 4 teams.

2. A National Cup played midweek on a Wednesday night like the Sterling Cup in Aussie Rules. With midweek games every week a sponsor would be attracted more easily because of the continuous exposure. Also there is continued interest in the cup competition.

— CHRIS ATTARD,
Chadstone, Vic.

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IN BRIEF**Lynn survives, life ban lifted**

A move to depose Mike Lynn as coach of Victorian State League club Polonia has failed dismally.

The full club committee voted 12-3 last week in favour of retaining Lynn for the remainder of the season.

Had Lynn been sacked it was understood that tall Polish goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski was set to take over. Dzielakowski was at the centre of a planned upheaval last year when he was tipped to replace Kaz Kowalec, then coaching Polonia. Kowalec now coaches Metro Second Division club Ardeer.

Macleod

Don't be surprised to see Gus Macleod appointed assistant coach of Footscray J.U.S.T. next season.

That's provided that current manager-coach Bobby McLachlan still is at the helm and that the committee strongmen remain in charge.

Macleod joined J.U.S.T. early this year from Green Gully Ajax but left to join Croydon last month. The powerful striker is highly regarded by many J.U.S.T. officials and attended the Yugoslav-sponsored club's celebrations after its fine 2-1 win over Sydney City Hakoah two weeks ago.

Kamasz

NSL manager Steve Kamasz has clarified a newspaper report in which he was reported as saying that the State federations were secondary to the NSL.

"What I said was that on the playing field, the NSL is regarded as the primary and the State Leagues are the next step down. I did not mention the federations were secondary to the NSL."

course play a vital role in Australian soccer," Kamasz said.

Triple 21

There will be plenty of soccer players but not a ball in sight for 200 guests help Mike Valentine, Scott Patterson (Heidelberg) and Peter Verechi (Box Hill) celebrate their 21st birthdays at a combined function at Wembury Park Box Hill, on August 5.

The three all have birthdays within a few days of each other and decided on one large party.

Peter, Scott and Mike all are keen golfers and have planned a game at Yarra Yarra club on the eve of the party, the fourth player being their former junior coach Wally Patterson.

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Turner

Grant Turner, the "enfant terrible" of Australasian soccer, is in trouble again.

Turner, who spent a brief, but stormy period with South Melbourne Helles, has walked out on his latest club - Christchurch Magel United in New Zealand.

Matters came to a head when the exuberant midfielder sustained a three-match suspension from the Canterbury Football Association, after a bout of being booked for allegedly making racist remarks to an opposing player, and then dismissed as the consequence of violent conduct in successive matches.

When asked for reassurance about his future behaviour by United, he refused and the two parties agreed to go separate ways.

Gisborne City, which has twice previously had the New Zealand international on its books, is reported to be interested in restoring him to its ranks.

Ban lifted

A Queensland player banned for life five years ago for slapping a referee has had his sentence lifted.

Drago Antonovic, 30, was banned in 1978 and had an appeal against the sentence turned down in 1981.

Queensland Soccer Federation secretary Allan Vessey said Antonovic had now been given a two-year suspended sentence and could resume his playing career with premier division club Sunnyside.

Mir Vesey said: "This is not a backyard by soccer officials. What was considered appropriate in 1978 may not be so in similar circumstances today."

The decision had been made by QSF officials after consultation with the Soccer Referees' Association.

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Border search

According to Border Soccer Club secretary Graham Gould, Albury-Wodonga's soccer players have a problem.

It looks like they're headed for the Melbourne big-time without a proper team name.

Gould said he was proposing to the club board that a competition be held to find one.

He said the club was confident it would be admitted to senior Melbourne competition next season.

Gould said: "... That's our aim, and I reckon we should try for it with a braver name than Borders... which is what that at present."

He said he'd like to see all sorts of names suggested... like Border Bobcats, or Murray Cods.

A spokesman for a rival team in the Canberra competition has suggested that an Albury-Wodonga's colors are orange, brown and white they might be called The Worms.

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At the lower end of the table, Monaro, Manly and Yugal are set to finish in no man's land, while Polonia and Canterbury are getting close to being joined by the bottom two in a battle for the wooden spoon. Auburn drew against Yugal in a deferred match the previous week while Banksy town drew with Canterbury to edge closer to Polonia.

For both Auburn and Banksy town it shapes up as the battle of the last round of the premiership when Blacktown will entertain its neighbours from Auburn.

Melita grabs the lead, Sharks eye fourth spot**NSW State League with ALEX VESIC**

Melita soundly defeated Avala to take the lead in the NSW State League following Inter Monaro's 0-0 draw with Croatia at Queanbeyan. Melita has now registered seven straight wins and looks an ominous threat to the Chasers in the bid for the Premiership.

This might be a little too harsh on the rest of the Melita players, but one wouldn't be far off in suggesting that Billy Griffith has made a lot of difference to the style of the side. There was always a lot of zest and willingness in this Melita team, but one has the feeling that Griffith has added the steady influence needed so much.

He was voted the man-of-the-match against Avala.

Croatia found the going to go down with both teams in-form. Inter Monaro and come home with only a point.

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Bradley strong in both awards

Charlie Yankos of Heidelberg has increased his lead from one to three points in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) remains in second place, and Neil Banfield (Adelaide City) has moved ahead to be in third place.

John Bradley of APIA made major advances in the best player award as well as the \$1000 award for the top scorer in the NSL.

By notching two against Wollongong, he was voted man of the match and moved to seventh place in the voting. He also boosted his goals tally to eight and, together with Makedonia's Claude Lucchesi and

Gary Ward, is the joint top scorer in the league.

Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) and Phil O'Connor both scored on Sunday, leaving them in second place, with seven goals each.

This week's votes:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Egan) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Paton)

Middle Park. Crowd about 3000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6 Blair (SM), 5 Kyriakouleas (JUST), 4 Crino (SM), 3 Hažabent (JUST), 2 Holford (SM), 1 Carroll (JUST).

CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Bryant pen, T. Byrne) MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 2 (Bozanic pen, Soper) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1350. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6 Cole (C), 5 Licata (M), 4 Gibson (C), 3 Farina (C), 2 T Byrne (C), 1 Bryant (C).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Panagis, Honey-

man), HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Cole, Valentine) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 1800. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6 Heye (WA), 5 Yankos (H), 4 Lea (H), 3 Panagis (WA), 2 Honeyman (WA), 1 Tansey (H).

BRISBANE CITY 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 4 (Maxwell, Rankin, Carter, Villani) Richlands. Crowd 1600. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6 Dods (AC), 5 Banfield (AC), 4 Maxwell (AC), 3 Villani (AC), 2 Flounders (AC), 1 R Stewart (BL).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2

(Souness, Murray) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Paterson) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 6700. Votes by Peter Scott:

6 Robertson (SC), 5 Paterson (SO), 4 Barnes (SC), 3 Watson (SC), 2 Herbert (SO), 1 Jennings (SO).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Ward pen.) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Barton) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Peter Desira:

6 McMillan (Mak), 5 ones (Mak), 4 Ratcliffe (St.G), 3

WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) at Lambert Park. Crowd 2674. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6 Bradley (APIA), 5 Valeri (APIA), 4 Mariani (APIA), 3 O'Connor (W), 2 Vardareff (W), 1 Bertogna (APIA).

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51 Yankos (Hberg)

48 P. O'Connor (W)

47 Banfield (AC)

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NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 BRISBANE CITY 1 (Glockner)

at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2722. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6 Hamilton (BC), 5 Senkulus (N), 4 Lowe (N), 3 Channon (N), 2 Liddell (BC), 1 Wishart (BC).

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34 Sermanni (M), Burke (N), 33 Tokes (BC).

32 Jones (Mak), B. Nyssen (AC), 30 G. Campbell (Mak), Lowe (N), 29 Odzakov (Mak), Belic (UST).

28 Katholos (SO), Honeyman (WA), Kyriakouleas (JUSt).

27 Skeen (St.G), McMillan (Mak).

26 Lucchesi (Mak), Carroll (UST), Hamilton (BC).

25 Henderson (M), Heyes (WA), 24 Blair (SM), Spanos (Hberg), J. Watson (SC),

23 Murphy (SM), R. Stewart (BL), Hunter (BL), Gray (APIA).

21 T. Byrne, Gibson (C), Jankovic (M), Paterson (SO), Wright (BL), Vlietstra (W).

20 Melta (AC).

19 Crino (SM), Kay (SC), G. Watson (N), Perry (BC).

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Top scorers:

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7 Egan (SM), O'Connor (W), Kosmina (SC).

6 Bryant (C), Soper (SO), Mountford (N).

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Boland (JUST), Bertogna, Schermann (APIA).

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KB, J.U.S.T., MARCONI OUT FOR REVENGE

National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets:

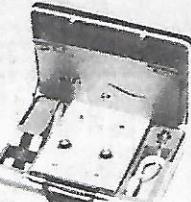
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	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts	
1. (1) Preston Makedonia	7	2	0	20	6	2	4	1	10	7	30	13	33
2. (4) Sydney City Hakoah	5	3	0	14	4	3	1	4	9	14	23	19	28
3. (2) Newcastle KB United	4	3	2	11	5	4	0	3	14	9	25	14	27
4. (3) St George Budapest	4	3	0	9	4	3	3	3	8	5	17	9	27
5. (6) Brisbane City	4	2	2	16	14	3	3	2	7	12	23	26	26
6. (5) Sydney Olympic	3	1	3	11	7	4	2	3	12	9	23	16	24
7. (9) APIA-Leichhardt	6	1	2	19	9	1	1	5	8	13	27	22	23
8. (7) Marconi-Fairfield	4	2	2	15	14	2	2	4	11	11	25	25	22
9. (8) Canberra Arrows	5	2	1	18	7	1	1	6	8	15	26	22	21
10. (12) Adelaide City Juventus	3	2	3	9	9	3	1	5	12	13	21	22	21
11. (10) West Adelaide Hellas	4	3	3	12	11	1	3	2	4	6	16	17	21
12. (11) Heidelberg-Alexander	4	1	2	10	5	0	6	3	6	13	16	18	19
13. (13) South Melbourne Hellas	2	3	4	10	13	3	1	3	9	12	19	25	19
14. (14) Brisbane Lions	4	0	4	14	13	0	2	6	6	23	20	36	14
15. (15) Footscray J.U.S.T.	2	2	3	6	14	1	3	5	5	15	11	29	14
16. (16) Wollongong	0	5	2	8	10	1	3	5	13	21	21	13	12

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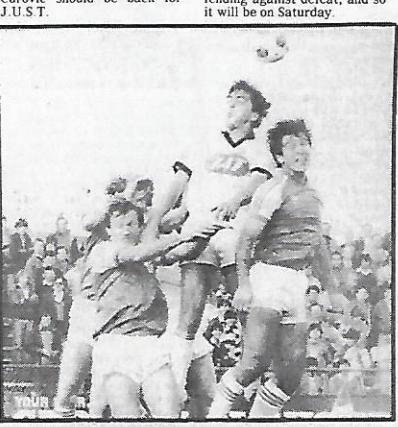
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Footscray J.U.S.T. stopper Kyri Krikouleas out-jumps everyone at Middle Park on Sunday. From left: Bobby Russell (Hellas), Kyri Krikouleas, Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

NSL team of the week

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:
In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

WISHART (1)
(Brisb. C.)

SKEEN (3) JONES (2) RATCLIFFE (2) McMILLAN (2)
(St.Geo.) (Mak.) (St.Geo.) (Mak.)

D. COLE (1) BRADLEY (3) HAMILTON (3)
(Canberra) (APIA) (Brisb. City)

HEY (2) PATERSON (1) G. CAMPBELL (3)
(West Adel.) (Syd. Olympic) (Mak.)

Ollerton praises Flavell

Being the only player-coach in the National League has not proved to be a burden for Makedonia's Peter Ollerton.

Ollerton has been playing soundly, if not spectacularly in defence and Makedonia has a commanding lead at the halfway point of the season.

It is a remarkable feat for the 32-year-old former Socceroo — still known in Sydney soccer circles from his days with APIA as the Big 'O' — and it's a blessing the day it invited him to join.

Makedonia gained promotion from the Victorian State League in 1980, after Ollerton had joined from Footscray J.U.T.

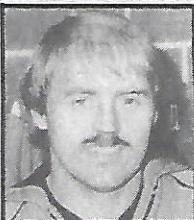
The following year he was appointed player-coach to succeed Brian Edgley and Makedonia ended up in 12th place in 1981 and then jumped to fifth in 1982.

This year, it seems, the sky is the limit.

Ollerton himself could have another couple of seasons ahead of him as a player.

He started as a player with English club Blackpool, but an invitation to join Wilhelmina in Melbourne brought him to Australia in 1971.

Since then, Ollerton has been a prolific scorer with APIA, South Melbourne Hellas, Marconi and J.U.T. Makedonia's record since mid-1982 says it all: the club lost



Peter Ollerton

only two of its 30 matches before last Sunday.

Ollerton's coaching success is firmly based.

"I have played in the league since it began in 1977, so I ought to have learned something," he said.

"I know roughly how all the clubs play and record their tactics and their best players for future reference."

"The most consistent are usually the most dangerous."

"For our part we have five or six really good players, so it is difficult for anyone to put us out of a game."

Ollerton won't be pressed to name a key player but he and his coach Gordon Flavell does a great job.

"He is a worker and a fighter. While he performs, his fellow midfielders Zoran Illoski and Zarko Odzakov can go forward to do the damage."

Makedonia striker Claud Lucchesi leads the NSL scoring table on eight goals while Gary Ward was grouped with Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) and John Kosmina (Sydney City) on seven before last Sunday.

Brisbane Lions' coach Simon Kistemaker dreams of Russell Stewart having a twin brother — it would solve half the problems within his team.

After last Sunday's 4-0 loss to Adelaide City Juventus Kistemaker also must have had nightmares about Lions right-back Con Ospasini has come up through the local junior ranks.

Ollerton obviously has an eye for a good player.

There is half a season of tough football ahead but Makedonia is determined to give the title a fair rudge.

'Juve' cuts loose, as Best dawdles



Ricky Rosso

Bris. Lions 0 Adel. City 4

Scorers: Maxwell 38th, Rankin 61st, Carter 77th, Villani 87th.

Venue: Richlands Stadium.

Cautions: BL: Hunter, Kelso.

Referee: Bill Monteverde 7. **LIONS:** Lowndes 6, McClurg 5, Hunter 7, R. Stewart 7, Niven 6, J. Stewart 6, Mulvey 4, Hogg 5, Wright 6, Kelso 4, Best 4.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-TUS: McNally 7, Dods 8, Nykhusov 7, Banfield 8, Flounders 7, Villani 8, Blair 6, Carter 7, Mullen 6, Rankin 7, Maxwell 8.

Brisbane Lions' coach Simon Kistemaker dreams of Russell Stewart having a twin brother — it would solve half the problems within his team.

After returning from the World Youth Championships in Mexico, Stewart has been converted from a midfielder to a sweeper. After a few uneasy moments in his first few games, the youngster has begun to settle into the position and looked to have solved Lions' problem at the back. But in fact it served only to



The four goalscorers for Adelaide Juventus against Brisbane Lions, from left: Peter Rankin, Charlie Villani, Steve Maxwell and Les Carter. Photo by CARLOS PICASSO.

move the problem to another part of the field — the middle. Lions cannot do without Stewart at the back — as three-second half goals testify — but they so desperately need him in the middle.

One player Lions can do without on his performance last weekend is "guest"

George Best. After two previous uninspiring performances, Best made promises of turning it on in his final game with Lions. But the former Irish international succeeded only in turning off the 1600 people who paid to see him and helped to ensure many would not come back.

Best merely walked around the park, never getting out of trot, never even thinking about a shot. He did not get very good service, admittedly, but then he never really worked to get into good positions.

But Best should not wear the blame totally for the crushing defeat. His teammates chimed in to give the soccer-hungry fans a brilliant exhibition in how not to play the game.

As Adelaide 'Juve' stormed the Lions' goal in the early periods, the home team made several devastating breakthroughs only to put in shots which would not have beaten a junior keeper.

Kistemaker's man-to-man marking failed to work in defence and Adelaide drew away players, then moved into the spaces which other Lions' players failed to cover.

Lions were reduced to 10 men — nine if Best is not counted — when big central defender Alan Hunter was kicked above the eye and had to go off for stitches.

Adelaide City pushed everything into attack to make the most of the extra man and Maxwell nearly headed home in the 35th minute before scoring three minutes later after a sensational overlap by fullback Glyn Dods.

Hunter returned to the field after the break but it took the visitors only 16 minutes to go

further ahead. Charlie Villani knocked a free kick to Paul Rankin who turned in a shot off Hunter's back.

At that stage Kistemaker went for broke and pushed Stewart into attack, leaving only three at the back.

Then, with Peter McClurg

drawn way out of position, Carter only had to beat right midfielder John Stewart, which he did twice, before being one-on-one with keeper Neil Lowndes.

Lowndes could scarcely believe when he had to charge off his line to stop Carter, as other defenders watched, and only just failed to block his shot which eventually rolled into the net past the lunging foot of McClurg.

Big Barry Kelso caused danger to the Adelaide defence only once and Kistemaker indicated the big man's future in the Lions NSL team is now in doubt.

But Lions, playing without new Heidelberg midfielder Ray Vincent, were unable to leg muscle at training last week, continued to fall apart and the fourth goal highlighted their ineptitude.

Maxwell hit a good shot which Lowndes parried onto the uppers. When Lions players in sight Joe Mullen was able to retrieve the rebound and pass it back to Villani to crack into the net.

Kistemaker would no doubt love to make sweeping changes but with John O'Brien out injured and Calvin Daunt and Jim McDonagh not in good form he has little choice but to persevere with his current squad.

Honeyman saves West

West Adel 2 Heidelberg 2

Scorers: West — Panagis 45th, Honeyman 81st. Heidelberg — Cole 63rd, Valentine 65th.

Crowd: 1800.

Ground: Hindmarsh Sta-dium.

Cautions: Yankos, Selomidis (Heidelberg).

Referee: T. Martell 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7, McGregor 7, Hiern 7, Dunn 7, Amey 7 — Brennan 7, Atsalas 7, Panagis 8 — Hays 8, Wormley 6, Honeyman 8.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McKeie 7, Yankos 8, Macleod 7, Tansley 8 — Selomidis 7, Campbell 7, Spinos 7, Valentine 7 — Lee 8, Cole 7.

Heidelberg turned a one goal deficit into a 2-1 second half lead but finally had to settle for a point after Graham Honeyman's late equaliser.

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Heidelberg's best opportunity came early in the first half when Derek Lee volleyed the ball over the crossbar, giving Vardareff some heavy work in the closing stages.

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Valeri, despite missing some clear scoring opportunities, gets the nod as the best on the park, while Phil O'Connor still remains the best for the visitors despite non-existent service for the front runners.

The goal was his 82nd in the NSL.

Heidelberg struck again only three minutes later when Mike Valentine headed into the goal.

Newcastle played some good football for most of the game, Senkalski being the



Meno Toutsidis

corner despite a hefty challenge which ended with him Polled.

But the versatile midfielder quickly recovered.

West delighted its supporters with a late equaliser from the foot of Graham Honeyman, top scorer last season, but without a goal in 1983.

Honeyman, despite being confronted by a wall of defenders, crashed his free kick into the top right hand corner.

One of Heidelberg's best performers was the diminutive Derek Lee who looked a classy player and gave West's defence some anxious moments.

With Cole back, Lee could well fill the role played so well by Jamie Paton (now with Footscray) whose partnership with Cole resulted in so many goals.

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Super leagues would make money

From page one

The NSL is failing, despite the confidence being displayed by its chairman, Sam Pasavases.

As arguments, he points to the results of the national team and the increased standard of play as the main evidence of success. May I remind him that Australia has been achieving results equally as good since 1970 when we were defeating such teams as Uruguay and holding our own with South Africa and the English as well as qualifying for the World Cup finals, with every man giving a last ounce of blood for the green and gold, despite what Sir Arthur George may think.

I suggest it is time to go back to the drawing board and come up with a 10-year blueprint to firmly establish the game on its merits; every individual contributing his views for the sake of the State, every State contributing for the sake of the country — forget the parochial attitudes which have crippled the sport for so long.

I would like to see the Australian Soccer Federation continuing itself, tailored to State super leagues with national play-offs, followed by international tournaments. I can hear the turnstiles clicking just by writing about it.

Back now to the Rasic situation.

Learning from it may help us achieve stability in the sport.

I do not wish to take sides in what has been a cloak-and-dagger affair, but I would like to put the record straight in the hope that the same mistakes may be avoided in future.

I have no doubt that a few things Rasic did were not too pleasant to the Hellas players, but let's trace the succession of events.

At the start of the season, I sat in on several talks between Rasic and the players. To say that I could not believe the sums of money being spoken about at that time is an understatement, yet still some of the players were dissatisfied.

The air of expectancy and confidence at the club was electric. Initial results were reasonably pleasing but for one reason or another, a few players were struggling to find form; the same players, I might add, in whom Rasic had placed his faith.

Results got worse and instead of these player knuckling down to the job at hand, they started the whining and crying on a few shoulders which were readily available. This is when Rasic made a mistake.

He did not believe it was happening and firmly believed the problem was temporary. Yet for four to six weeks before the Rasic sacking, Hellas was negotiating with other coaches.

I am not writing this article to convey bitterness but in the hope that for the sake of the game in this country, the same type of thing can be stamped out in future.

Poulakakis, Margaritis, McLaren, Docherty, Rasic — all men with excellent track records — were unable to stop the rot at Hellas and in my view, all were dismissed because of player power.

My good friend Len McKendry is now charged with the responsibility of making the sleeping giant great.

He can, but every administrator at Hellas must make McKendry's job easier for him by ensuring that their highly-paid players are kept firmly in-line, otherwise in a few months it will be a question of — NEXT? — McKendry is a man of fierce ambition and the ability to keep players in line but can the administrators dismiss the moaning few?

I hope this article will induce everybody involved in the game — from Sir Arthur George down — administrators, coaches and players alike — to make the critical assessment to what their contribution is to this magnificent code.

Only by being honest will we come up with the answers required but I'm afraid honesty is not a virtue we have in surplus through the sport. For those of you who pass this self-appraisal, keep up the good work!

DOCHERTY BITTER IN DEFEAT

Sydney C 2
Olympic 1



Peter Scott

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 6800.

Scorers: Souness (SC) 3rd min, Paterson (O), 74th min, Murray (SC) 88th min.

Cautions: Barnes, Robeson, Connor (SC); Coady, Soper (O).

Referee: Rennie 3.

Sydney City Hakoah: Clarke 7, Souness 7, Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, Cant 7, Kay 7, Barnes 8, Borges 5 (Murray 68th min) Watson 7, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 7.

Sydney Olympic: Meier 5, Roger 7, Herbert 8, Coady 6, Jennings 8, Raskopoulos 5, (Patalis 6, 37th), Patikas 7, Phillips 6, Paterson 8, Soper 6, Katholos 5.

It's easy to be gracious as a winner but much harder to be a good sport when on the receiving end of a defeat.

That much is obvious when one has to interview NSL coaches in the line of duty, so speak, week after week.

Tommy Docherty, unfortunately, is no exception.

The outgoing Scotsman constantly emphasised at the end of the bruising — and losing — battle against the premiers that he didn't make comments to sound like a grumpy, old throwaway at the visitors immediately afterwards.

Docherty did this in the dressing room, on Sydney radio later in the evening and maybe it's still doing it now.

The truth of the matter is that Olympic went down in a finely balanced and exciting match which could have gone

Best in Hellas-Juventus match

George Best will play for West Adelaide Hellas tonight (Wednesday) in a Challenge Cup match against Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Sports Field.

The fixture is played annually on a home and away basis.

Adelaide City won the first leg 3-2 during the break in the NSL for the England tour.

It will be Best's first appearance in Adelaide since 1967 when Manchester United thrashed South Australia 5-1 at Olympic Sports Field.

Best did not score in that match (Kidd 3, Charlton and Law were the scorers) but thrilled the 20,000 crowd with his incredible array of skills.

West hopes tonight's match will draw a crowd of 5000.

- MENO TOUTSIDIS

WHAT A COMBACK!

Canberra 2
Marconi 2



Peter Windsor

MARCONI: James 8, Bonzanic 7, Budini 8, Calderon 7, Ricotti 7, Sermani 7, Jankovic 8, Hunter 7 (Djordjevic 76th), Licata 8, Brown 7, Carbone 7.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 7, Murray 8, Young 8, Christopher 8, Bryant 8, Stone 7, T. Bryant 9, Boyle 9, Brennan 6, Gibson 8, Ferina 8.

Referee: Bob Mee.

Cautions: Stone and Murray yellow cards.

Crowd: 1350.

Scorers — Merc: Boxonic pen, Brown; Cen: Bryant pen, T. Bryant.

Down and out at 0-2 at half-time, Canberra staged a superb second-half recovery to earn this 2-2 draw.

Despite the small crowd it must rate as the most exciting



Tommy Docherty

Tommy Docherty's departure from clubs and matches in the media is getting beyond the bounds not only of good taste, but also of facts.

His pronounced disappointment on radio 2GB over the size of the announced crowd of 6800 can be put into proper context by a comment overheard from an Olympic official:

"If we have a crowd this big, we say its 12,000."

I for one have long had my suspicions about the multitudes announced in attendance at Prater Park.

Those suspicions are now confirmed, straight from the horse's mouth.

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David Mitchell starts his six-week trial with Glasgow Rangers on August 1, hoping for a contract at the end of that time.

If things don't work out he has another, as yet unnamed, club up his sleeve.

David flies out next Monday, but before that will appear as a guest with his old club Adelaide City Juventus against local rival West Adelaide Hellas in a friendly tonight (Wednesday).

The other star attraction? George Best, and I know who will provide better value for the fans' dollars.

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Back to the irreproachable Docherty, he loudly proclaimed that it is unlikely that Hakoah will ever attract people playing the way it did last Sunday.

This from the coach who has drilled the offside trap into his defence in a manner which only surpassed by Rale Basic's team in this country.

The Olympic coach also denounced the "brawl" put on, allegedly, by Eddie Thomson's men.

Obviously, Tommy did not bother to examine the legs of Joe Watson and a number of Joe's team mates after the final whistle, I did.

The time may have arrived for Tommy to concentrate on producing the goods instead of rushing into print and over the airwaves denigrating other clubs and suggesting that people stay away from their matches.

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Lucky we aren't in Europe, where referees immediately call off a match if missiles are thrown onto the field by the morons who are present in all crowds.

The sky was filled by apples, cans full of soft drinks, various other unidentified items and, for good measure, a metal garbage can full of smelly items at the Athletic Field.

Come to think of it, are we really lucky our refs turn a blind eye to such behaviour?

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And a final word on refereeing. On this at least Docherty and Thomson were in full accord.

As Tommy said: "If players are allowed to get away with the kind of actions they indulged in today, then they will increasingly apply them."

Doug Rennie put on a display in this needle match, which calls into question the appropriateness of his NSL assignments.

It could even have been a wider margin as two Mitchell headers were scrambled off the line in injury time by Coady and Meier.

Kay and Mitchell worked well to get substitute Willie Murray in position to score, and he did just that.

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And perhaps the fastest game of the season.

In the first half Canberra allowed Marconi to gain far too much possession and was stunned by a 10th minute penalty decision.

But referee Bob Mee was right. Gibson did foul inside the box and from that spot kick Marconi defender Vic Bozanic found the net.

Nearly two minutes into first half injury time came Marconi's second goal.

Canberra was allowed room by Andrew Young on the right flank and hit a high cross. What he mis-hit it.

The ball fell short and striker Rod Brown burst through to head the goal.

Who would have thought

WATCH J.U.S.T. GO!

SM-Hellas 1
Foots JUST 1

Scorers: 1-0 Egan 20th; 1-1

Paton 40th.

Venue: Middle Park.

Crowd: about 3000.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas

7. Cautions: Carroll (JUST), Holford (Hellas).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Lazarus 7 — Russell 8, Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Yeridou 7 — Davidson 7 — Holford 8, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 7, Brown 7 (Woodfin 72nd). Coach: Len McKendry.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8 — Taylor 7, Tuill 8, Kyriakouleas 8, Hazabent 8 — McDowell 7, Belic 7, O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 7, Peton 7 (Purdie 72nd), Lujic 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Watch out for Footscray.

J.U.S.T. for you know it,

the perennial strugglers will

be in a mid-table position.

J.U.S.T. plays 10 of its re-

maining 14 matches in Mel-

bourn.

Not only does it have one of

the best balanced and hardest-



fighting teams in the league, but it also has one of the shrewdest leaders in Bobby McLachlan.

Kyri Kryiakouleas is emerging as one of the best stoppers in the land, Gary McDowell and Brian O'Donnell have added a lot of grit to the midfield and Zeljko Lujic is regaining his best form now.

The two giants of the match were the stoppers — Steve Blair of Hellas and Kyri Kryiakouleas of J.U.S.T.

And the most exciting player was Omer Crino who twice came close to winning the game for Hellas.

The best two saves of the game were made by Boland.

In the 17th minute, he got behind a close-range shot by Carl Holford, but had to change direction in a split-second as the ball caught his reflection, and it was to his everlasting credit that he managed to push the ball past his path.

In the 65th minute, with the score at 1-1, Boland dived like a trapeze artist to get to a free kick from Ken Murphy.

But he was caught in no-man's land when Hellas scored its goal.

He reacted to a mix-up in the defence by coming out towards the trouble, but Holford picked up the ball and lobbed it over Boland, leading Egan with the simple task of heading into the net from almost on the goal line.

J.U.S.T. equalised when Igor Hazabent played the ball over the Hellas defence to Lujic on the left. Lujic crossed near post and Paton neatly headed in.

Steve Blair of Hellas powers away from J.U.S.T.'s scorer, Jamie Paton. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Barton breaks through

Makedonia 1
St George 1

Scorers: Ward 16m, Barton 8m.

Ground: Connor Reserve.

Attendance: 4000 (estimated).

Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

Cautions: Wilkinson, Ward.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8,

Opasinski 7, Jones 9, Olleron 8, McMillan 9, Illoski 6, Odzak 7, Flavel 6, Campbell 9, Ward 7, Wilson 7, Luton 7,

ST GEORGE: BUDAPEST-GREEDY 8, Skene 9, Wilson 7 (Petkossi 71m), Ratcliffe 7, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 7, O'Shea 7, Barton 7, Slater 7, Wilkinson 6, Marton 6.

Wily St George coach

Frank Arok acknowledged that his side needs an injection of new blood if it is to put in a serious effort for the title.

"I'm quite satisfied with the work rate of the team and I'm confident that sooner or later we're going to put six or seven in the net in one game because we're creating the chances. But with some players there isn't the same enthusiasm and let's face it, in the case of Dez Marton he is not getting any younger," Arok said in his usual no-nonsense approach to the game.

Marton might not have been as sharp as in his heyday but nevertheless credit for him being quicker than usual on Sunday must go to George McMillan.

McMillan, himself no spring chicken, has almost become an institution in his six years at Makedonia and his hard running, hard tackling, full-blooded commitment to the game will long remain a hallmark of his service to the club.

He and David Jones stood out in a good defensive performance by the home side but all the hard work they put in over the 90 minutes was lost because St George managed an equaliser a mere two minutes from the end of an absorbing game.

"We're obviously disappointed because a win would have opened a bigger gap at the top.

"If they had scored any earlier we might have been able to do something about it but we can't be too unhappy because St George is a good side which fought very hard on the day," Makedonia coach Peter Olleron said.

Marton Barton is making a habit of scoring goals against Makedonia. After getting



Peter Desira

somewhat of a lucky bounce off Zarko Odzaković with his first attempt, he let fly a superb dipping shot from the edge of the box, giving Richard Wilson no chance as the ball sailed into the top of the net.

Two minutes before the goal Marton got his only real scoring chance, smashing the ball against the crossbar with a spectacular overhead kick in the weeks roll by.

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Poland to send a second-rate side

Allow me to go on record now, in July, as I hate hindsight intelligence: there will be all sorts of difficulties with Poland playing in our November tournament.

In case you don't know the Polish championship is in full swing at that time of the year and there is no way that they would release their star players for a fairly meaningless tour.

Personally, I doubt if there will be a Polish team here in November at all.

If there is — it will not be its national side, not even its B-side, but possibly a composite youth team, if that.

Uruguay and Cameroon the other two invitees, can defer any number of their league matches to accommodate national team tournaments — but not the Europeans.

Let's see if I am proved wrong.

★★★

I find it rather amusing how some of our makeshift TV commentators on 0-28 show all the commendable bias expected from ordinary fans.

For most of the match they carry on their descriptions with admirable zeal — a trifle too much here and there, forgetting that it's TV and not radio.

Then it comes to those goals.

When the home team, clearly close to the heart of the commentator, scores, he goes into ecstasy, shrieking and screaming and, possibly kissing his microphone.

But when the opponents score, comes the laconic comment: "Yes, well, it's a goal... yes, it is a goal... hm, hm... what's the name got it, number 8 or number 10, I'll find out in a second..."

Wollongong, Newcastle and Brisbane take the palm in this field; who said local patriotism was dead?

With a last minute decision, the Italian Federation — FIGC — stopped the signing of Brazilian stars Zico, Junior and Toninho Cerezo by Italian clubs as there is now a complete ban on new foreign imports.

The clubs concerned — Udinese, Roma and Genoa — were bitterly disappointed but accepted the decision.

Imagine what would happen in Australia...

The club and its State would demand an ASF meeting; there would be days of telephone lobbying; someone would find a dog-eaten copy of the constitution and actually read it; there would be pleas to the Ethnic Affairs Commission and the Anti-Discrimination Board; and finally, the decision would be altered, amended, watered down or somehow reversed.

On a smaller scale, can you visualise what



Zico — banned from Italy

fuss there would be if the ASF — temporarily coming out of its snooze — tried to ban the guest-player arrangements of Mick Channon and George Best, on the ground that clubs must be protected against themselves?

Italy might have had 44 governments since the war — but it runs its soccer logically.

We have complete stability in Canberra — and "Italian chaos" in our soccer.

Clearly, you can't have both.

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This is not meant as a dig at Les Scheinflug, merely a general comment: what the heck can a fulltime national coach be doing in Australia with his time?

His last active involvement was with the young Socceros in Mexico early June — and the next one will be in the planned November international tournament.

Not only Les but anybody else in his shoes would get bored beyond belief by doing nothing for about four months.

I know that the national coach can go and "look" at a number of players; but for four months?

Personally, I think Scheinflug is wasting his time: a coach with his record and vast experience would be more useful to our soccer with a club.

He did well with Adelaide City and brilliantly with Marconi. Can we afford to take him out of circulation to perform a job which, with our very limited international program, is ideal for a part-time man?

And let Scheinflug be that part-time man, if he is the best candidate.

But it's awfully "nouveau riche" for a country that Australia to pretend that with our "busy" international calendar, we must have a fulltime national coach.

Makedonia, J.U.S.T. give value for money

Everybody knows there are four NSL teams in Melbourne and up to now I believe most of the glamor and publicity has centred around South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg United.

However, in the past two weeks I have had the pleasure of watching Preston Makedonia and Footscray JUST. I deliberately use the word "pleasure" because in each case I witnessed good games but also experienced a refreshing vibrancy at both clubs.

The reasons for Makedonia's excitement may well be deemed obvious because it currently heads the NSL title chase and the superb team

TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director



spirit which is evident at the club at the moment could well be one of the reasons why it tops the table.

On the other hand, JUST, which is at the other end of the table, also has a new-found spirit and a buzz of excitement is evident in its changing rooms. I certainly have not witnessed this before.

Makedonia has, by a process of team building, hit on what would appear at this stage to be a winning formula. Richard Wilson is obviously one of the better goalkeepers in the coun-

try and together with his back four, has established an enviable defensive record. Con Ospasinas is fast blossoming into a good attacking full back. He obviously is helped enormously by the experience of David Jones and Peter Olleron at the back. George McMillan, together with these players, makes up a formidable defence.

The midfield appears to be

the real strength of the team where there is a good blend of strength and skill. Gordon Flavel provides the bite in this department and his ability to

win balls in front of the back four, relieves pressure on the defence and of course provides the link in front of the back four, relieves pressure on the defence and of course provides the platform from which to launch attacks.

Zarko Odzakovic is one of the best imports I have seen in this country. He is skilful, like so many players from central Europe but he combines that skill with strength which makes him a good all-round player. He has worked hard to adjust to Australian conditions and is now combining his obvious ability on-the-ball with power and determination. His willingness to work on-the-ball, which is essential to our players, makes him different in my opinion from other players who have come from Europe. Added to all this he scores goals which makes him a very good acquisition to Makedonia.

The subtle skills of Zoran Illoko help to make the Makedonia midfield a feared department. The little dynamo,

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

West Adelaide's 22-year-old midfielder Steve Atsalas has a message for Les Scheinflug — come to Adelaide and have a look at some South Australian players for a change!

"I've never heard of the national team coach coming to watch any of our home games. Yet, when we've been playing in Sydney or Melbourne, people have come into the dressing room before the kick-off to tell us that Les Scheinflug is watching the game," said Atsalas.

"Why doesn't he come to South Australia regularly? He's supposed to be full-time, isn't he?"

Atsalas is echoing the prevailing South Australian sentiment, with some justification too. Even when West Adelaide won the 1978 national league championship, South Australian Socceros were a rarity. Indeed, an injury to goalkeeper Martin Crook made the breed extinct during Australia's recent three-match series against England.

Atsalas joined West Adelaide as an under-12 midfielder, so he's been at the club for a decade. His parents come from Sparta, in southern Greece, and have been here for 25 years. The family runs the Atsalas Continental Grocery in Henley Beach Road, Adelaide, but it's unlikely that Steve Atsalas will go into the family business on a full-time basis. He finished his Bachelor of Education degree at Flinders University last year, majoring in physical education, and started teaching two weeks ago at Campbelltown High School, where he coaches the school's under-14 team.

"My degree took four years of full-time study to obtain but it worked in well with soccer. I used to do coaching courses and obviously I chose soccer as the area in which to work. I've got my preliminary coaching badge course," said Atsalas.

"Coaching the kids is great. Most of them knew me already from being with West Adelaide so I didn't have too many teething problems. Most of the kids are of European origin so their skill level is very high and they're a good side."

Atsalas made his national league debut with Wests in 1979, under coach Gerry Chaldi. He played the first five games of the season but Chaldi dropped him and youngster found it difficult to establish himself as a first-team regular, until last year when he scored the winner in West's 2-1 win over local rival Adelaide City. It was his first game of the season.

"Everyone is pushing for a place in our starting line-up. Our State League First Division team is doing well so if any of the NSL players sit up or get injured then they'll find it hard to get back into the feed of the match rhythm."

"I was in and out of the side for a while until I got into the winner against Adelaide City last year. It was like a dream come true, to grab the vital goal in a big derby. I was on a high for about two weeks after the game."

Atsalas has played in every NSL game with Wests this season but he's not complacent about retaining his first team place.

"I'm surprised when Chaldi dropped me because I felt that I was getting used to the national league standard. There's too much expected of kids too early. I want at least six to 10 games to get the feed of the match rhythm."

"We play a possession game and because we have to work so hard to win the ball, it's silly to give it away easily. At home everyone pushes forward more, whereas we tend to play it a bit safer away from home. But with this three-point win thing, you can't really hold back for a draw, otherwise you'll lose touch with the leaders. If you win it can mean a big jump up the table but I think the two-point gap between winning and drawing is far too great. It seems unfair to me to draw and virtually lose two points."

Atsalas has a fine soccer pedigree, not just with Wests but also with South Australian representative sides at junior level. He now has established himself as a regular in West's starting line-up, which is a major step toward achieving his main goal.

"I want to play in a West Adelaide side which wins a national league championship. I remember the 1978 Wests team, the only team to take the national title away from Sydney. It was like one large family. Everyone stuck closely together and the spirit among the players was unbelievably high. I want to be part of such an experience."

Traynor's troops on the move — Richardson

Sunshine George Cross
star Steve Richardson may still have been playing with Scottish giant Glasgow Rangers, had the club not hired former player **Dave Provan** on its coaching staff.

Now 22, Richardson never saw eye-to-eye with Provan and eventually was given a free transfer in 1981, joining Ardrie as a part timer.

"I never got on with Provan. I couldn't help feeling that it was because I came from the east coast of Scotland," said Edinburgh-born Richardson.

"Facts bear me out. In Provan's first two seasons at Ibrox, eight players were freed, seven coming from the east coast. You can't help but feel that there was a bit of prejudice there."

Richardson played with Newcastle boys club as a youngster, playing in the club's three Scottish Cup triumphs. He joined Rangers as a 17 year old in 1977, signing professional forms the following year.

Richardson, a tall, strong central defender with excellent disposal, captained the Rangers' youth team (under-

18) which won a prestigious annual tournament in France in 1978, defeating such glamorous opponents as PSV Eindhoven, Real Madrid, Benfica and Milan.

Until his unhappy release to Ardrie, he made 12 first team appearances for Rangers, winning a Dryburgh Cup winner's medal along the way when Rangers defeated fierce rival Glasgow Celtic in the final.

Richardson's switch to Ardrie also entailed a change of lifestyle. Now playing only as a part timer, he had to find a job. He worked in a biscuit factory, in "rotten job" and found that this soccer suffered.

"I just had to get away. I thought about going to America to play with the chance to go to Australia and I decided to leave. I glad I came here. It seems to me that soccer in America is more for the superstars of the past."

Richardson arrived in Australia in October last year. He hasn't had a happy season with the newly formed Sunshine-George Cross, courtesy of a nasty ankle injury incurred seven weeks ago.

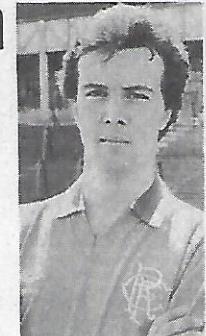
"I went to Scotland a few weeks back for a fortnight and I got married over there. When I returned, about three weeks ago, I played in the reserves against Juventus and the following week I was back in the 13-man first team pool."

Footscray JUST will lift itself from the bottom in the second half of the season. Team building at JUST has resulted in a side which combines skill, grit and determination.

Gary McDowell is an obvious asset to the team and he provides a toughness which long has been absent. Make no mistake, he is a skilful player too and is very good in the air. Vlatko Belic is at last not overawed by his team-mates and is starting to fulfil the promise he showed in his early playing days. Suleiman Curovic is playing extremely well and when he improves his distribution he will be a very good player. Joe Garrett's delicate skills provide some good openings for Jamie Paton who is recovering the goal scoring ability he once had.

The combinations of the new-found grit and determination and the skill that always has been present at JUST will make it very formidable opposition indeed in the second half of the season.

Sunshine-George Cross



Steve Richardson in his Glasgow Rangers' strip

that because the two clubs were amalgamated, then having about 40 players to pick from would mean that we'd automatically be a top team. To be honest, we had a few bad players at first, and although Tony Vella tried hard and gave us everything he's got, I don't think that he was the right man for the coaching job.

"What can I say about our present coach, Tom Traynor? He's played at top level for 12 years and been one of the best coaches in Scotland. You couldn't teach him much more about the game. His attitude toward winning is what stands out. Early the spirit among the players wasn't the best but that's all changed. Tommy's a very straightforward guy. He says it all up front. That's what players appreciate. All of us know exactly where we stand.

"There's every reason to believe that our recent good form will continue and I can see us finishing fifth or sixth in the league, which will be a fine thing if you consider our fairly poor start to the season."

Richardson works as a fork-lift driver for Hunter's Products in Williamstown. Along with his wife, Yvonne, also from the Edinburgh, he has applied for permanent residency and he wants to settle in Australia.

He hasn't received much publicity since coming here late last year but the best yardstick for a player's ability is recognition by his peers. On that measure, strong, Steve Richardson will be one of the real stars of the Victorian scene for years to come.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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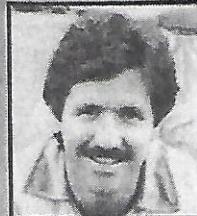
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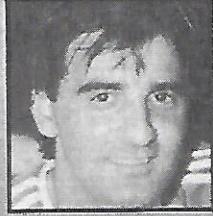
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(Wollongong)**

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(Prest. Mak.)**

26. Honeyman (W. Adel)
20. Mullen (Adel. C)

"Soccer Action" presents the National League all-stars, according to votes gained in the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award up to the half-way mark of the season.

The votes, shown before each name are up to the 15th round inclusive.

Players have been placed in the positions they have played for most of that time. Hence, Alan Davidson is at left back, although he has played the past few games in

midfield, and John Bradley is in midfield although APIA recently has been using him in attack.

Claude Lucchesi was level on votes with David Lowe (Newcastle) and Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide) but gained a position among the all-stars because he had scored more goals than the other two.

We did not make a distinction between sweeper and stopper in the middle of the defence, as such players can fill either position.

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Cirkovic springs a surprise and Fawkner almost wins it

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Schipano, o.g. 32nd) **FAWKNER** 1 (Kondorios 50th), at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 6 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 6, Drinoczyk 8, Hird 8 - Rogers 5, Lloyd 5 (Nelson 57th), G. Bannon 6 - Zinni 8, French 7, Incantalupo 7 (Cullen 57th). Coach: John Margaritis.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 - Sabadini 7 (Ainslie 53rd), Kondorios 6, Fattore 9, Schipano 6 - B. Sabadini 7, C. Sabadini 6, Cavelleri 6 (Bozikas 76th) - Palinkas 7, Tuf-

field 7, Cozzelli 6. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

The second derby of the season between Italian-sponsored clubs Juventus and Fawkner had a similar result as the first when the two teams shared the points, but was completely different in all other aspects.

To start with, the crowd was rather disappointing, under 2,000, confirming that Fawkner's supporters are basically a home crowd who do not follow the team when

playing away, secondly, Fawkner did not apply the "entombed" but took the fight right up to Juventus, thus, this time Fawkner could have won the game with a bit of luck.

The game was patchy as both teams were under par in midfield, especially Juventus which sadly misses Kevin Swinscoe and further suffered by an unusual poor display from Kevin Lloyd. Fawkner finally Nelson came on after Tiziano Cavallari, in this department but it was obvious that his inclusion had only a psychological motivation because he was out of form and was unable to add to the fortunes of his team until he was finally replaced by Andy Bozikas.

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Both forward lines were dangerous, but Juventus' defence and midfield worked overtime to contain them. Fawkner managed to survive thanks to a brilliant display from Cesare Fattore, the young stopper who won most of the duels in the middle of his defence and closed down unmercifully nippy winger Zinni who was back to his best.

Juventus coach Margaritis made a controversial substitution early in the second half when apart from sending in Nelson for Kevin Lloyd, he also replaced Incantalupo with recent signing Rob Cullen. "Rob was not at his brilliant best, but as usual, worried the opposition with his style of dribbling and has the potential to pull the iron out of the fire at any time. We learned later that Incantalupo was ill and had vomited in the dressing room at half-time."

It was very difficult for a coach to keep on the pitch a strong line-up, especially when the team is not doing so well in the field. With this added pressure and with Zinni and French playing well, it was inevitable that Incantalupo had to be "sacrificed" to make room for Cullen.

Fawkner's coach Cedo Cirkovic, surprised everybody by adopting an attacking line-up, knowing that he could not defend on the same Olympic Park ground as he did on the small Jukes Rd ground in the first derby. The move seemed to work as Fawkner scored twice, put a lot of pressure on the Juventus line where Hird and Drinoczyk saved the day over and over again.

In the 32nd minute Juventus' attack was stymied by a tackle that netted past Terzini an Incantalupo long drive. It seemed the beginning of the end for Fawkner, but the boys in blue fought back gallantly and even equalised in the 70th minute when Carlo Sabadini sent a free kick into the Juventus box and Kondorios slotted in from the penalty spot and Bozikas scored what may be his last goal for Hellas.

With Nelson and Cullen coming in

, soon after, Juventus seemed to be taking control of the game again, but Nelson and Zinni missed a couple of good chances and Ged Bannon, charging unopposed towards Terzini, was stopped by referee Bam-

bridge who gave him a free, blatantly ignoring the advantage rule. In the closing stages it was Fawkner who had the better chance, being very close to netting the winner when Palinkas missed a sitter in the

77th and a dangerous scramble in front of the Juventus goal in the 88th minute only produced two consecutive corners.

- ROCKY DI ZIO

NORTHERNERS ON RAMPAGE

NORTHCOTE 4 (Sehnidis

20th, Tsatsos 29th, Culina 60th, Quigley 67th) **POLONIA** 1 (Przybyla 70th) at John Cam Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Cutler 8, Bozikas 8, Moore 9, Milos 7 - Wilton 8, Quigley 9, Wright 8 - Sehnidis 9 (Constantine 60th), Tsatsos 8, Culina 8 (Przybyla 67th). Coach: Tony Vrsina.

POLONIA: Lukas 4 - S. Klein 5 (Michanowski 65th), Lipiarski 6, A. Capniki 8, Smolarek 5 - Tront 5, P. Capniki 5, G. Petrow 7 - Lekic 6, Krysiak 5, Przybyla 6. Coach: Mike Lynn.

Sunday didn't start well for Northcote coach Tony Vrsina. On his way to his team's important match at home against fourth placed Polonia, Vrsina was booked for speeding.

However, his players gave Vrsina's Sunday tale a happy ending as they proceeded to thump depleted Polonia 4-1, a

result which clearly is the Northerners best this season.

Polonia played without suspended Stefan Mila and Danny McCluskey, tall forward Alex Marshall, who scored two goals in the reserves, and first choice goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski. All four could be back in the starting line-up for this weekend's vital Raleigh Reserve game against Box Hill.

Northcote dominated the first half with a slick display of attacking soccer, using the long passing game to good advantage and troubling Polonia in the air. Clearly, McCluskey's absence was a worry in this department for the Polish supporting outfit.

Northcote hit the front in the 20th minute when a long drive from Steve Moore found Mike Lukas clear on his line. The ball struck a post and Jim Sehnidis tucked away the rebound. Nine minutes later a long ball from Colin Quigley found Spiro Tsatsos challenging

ing makeshift sweeper Rick Lipiarski and winning a corner. Sehnidis took the corner and Tsatsos, given a free header, put Northcote 2-0 up.

Sahnidis' cross from the right in the 60th minute bounced off Lukas' chest and Branko Culina shot in off a post to make it 3-0.

The Northerners went further ahead just seven minutes later when Lukas dived forward and down but allowed a Quigley shot to go into goal under his body.

Polonia's goal came direct from a Janusz Przybyla free kick, smashed low into goal from 20 metres.

Polonia was made to look like a second rate State League side by Northcote here. Too many Polonia players threw in the towel early and coach Mike Lynn will have a major task to lift the confidence of his team for Sunday's important home game.

Dinamo downs Austria

Metro Second Division club St Albans Dinamo kept its title tilt on course by recording a stunning 4-1 defeat of promotion rival Keilor Austria on Saturday, despite playing with just 10 men for 70 minutes of the game.

Vinko Pavlovic gave St Albans Dinamo a 1-0 lead then was sent off in the 20th minute. A Derek Barron free kick, 10 minutes before half-time, made it 1-1 but Dinamo ran over the top of its rival with a terrific second half display. A penalty converted by player-coach Bill Vojtek and goals from Ned Batimovic and John Bruno gave Dinamo an impressive victory.

At Silsillite Reserve in Hampton, struggling Third Division club Sandringham City went down 4-1 to Mornington but it was former Hakoah goalkeeper Mike O'Hara who stole the show.

The clown prince of goalies got tangled with a small dog and suffered the ignominy of being chased by the dog's female owner, brandishing a broom. Play was held up while the referee remonstrated with the lady and after the match Mornington players gathered in the centre circle and escorted a crest-fallen O'Hara off the pitch.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Cooke 31st, McGinnagle 52nd) **ALTONA CITY** 3 (Little 29th, 84th, Beattie 88th) at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday.

During a goalmouth melee in the 29th minute, involving both Livingstone and Murray, the referee awarded a penalty to Altona City, which was converted by Nat Little.

Two minutes later Paul Cooke equalised with one of the best goals seen at Monterey Boulevard this season. The former Slavia and Frankston City midfielder hit a screamer from 30 metres, giving the Altona goalie no chance.

Just when the match seemed destined to end in a draw, it exploded into action in the final eight minutes. Pines hit the front in the 52nd minute when McGinnagle beat City's offside trap and knocked the ball past the advancing Altona keeper.

Two minutes later it was 2-2. Chris Kovac failed to hold a cross from the wing and Little scored his second. Altona City won this exciting encounter with an 88th-minute goal from Beattie, after a decision from Kovac.

DIVISION THREE

COBURG 0 ELTHAM 1 (Shaw 7th)

ELTHAM: Graham 8, Alderson 7, Cubley 8, Raynes 8, Shaw 9, Hamer 8 (Norton 60th), Lewis 8,

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY: RICHMOND v Werribee; Maribyrn FRANSTON PINES: ALTONA CITY v Western Suburbs; COBBURG v ROVERS v Bell Park; KEW CITY v Altona City.

SUNDAY: St Kilda v Melbourne

DIVISION TWO

SATURDAY: Springvale v Nth Essington; Frankston CITY v West Essington; Prahran ST ALBANS: Dandenong CITY v Keilor CITY; Keilor v Thomastown; Footscray v HEIDELBERG UTD; ANDREW v Ringwood Utd.

DIVISION THREE

SATURDAY: Port Melbourne v Sandringham; MELBOURNE v Port Melbourne; Prahran CITY v St Kilda; Melville; BRIGHTON v Ferntree Gully; Hoddlestones Blues v CAULFIELD CITY YALLOUM v Coburg; Eltham v ST DALENSHIRE.

DIVISION FOUR

SATURDAY: Nth Sunshine v Port Melbourne; MELVILLE RANGERS v Port Melv.; SEA-FORD; East Carlton v LYNDALE UTD; MURRIEBAKA v Batman; Macleod UTD v DIAMOND VALLEY; GEELONG v Utd. & Dingley.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SUNDAY: EPPING THISTLE v Melbourne UTD; SUNDAY: ST KILDA v NEPTUNE CITY; ST KILDA v West Essington; CHADSTONE v Port Melbourne; BALWYN CITY v Nth Melbourne; MACCABI v Belgrave; BUNYORU v Ardenia Utd.

DIVISION TWO

SATURDAY: Maribyrn/Clarendon v MALVERN CITY; WEST BRUNSWICK v Regent; Kyron v ST THOMAS; Dandenong; BERWICK CITY v St. Kilda.

DIVISION THREE

SUNDAY: Port Melbourne v NEPTUNE CITY; ST KILDA v West Essington; LYNDALE UTD; MULGRAVE v Asport Vale City; KYRON CITY; ST VILLE v West Park; BUNYORU v Belgrave; CANNONDALE v Concord.

YOUTH LEAGUE DIVISION A

SUNDAY: Essendon City v FAIRVIEW; Holdenburg Utd v Sunshine Green Cross.

DIVISION B

SUNDAY: WEAVERLEY CITY v Altona City; BUDDLETON v Crows Nest.

DIVISION C

SUNDAY: SPRINGVALE UTD v St Kilda.

DIVISION D

SUNDAY: After a scoreless first half, Bulleen-Veneto grabbed an early second half goal when Micheloudakis slotted home a Boarotto throw-in.

Nine minutes later Tarquinio put Boarotto through and he made no mistake from inside the penalty area.

At the 70th it was Boarotto again when he converted a penalty after being brought down by the keeper.

Micheloudakis completed

the second half route when he delightfully put away a Tarquinio pass.

DIVISION TWO

SOUTH DANDELONG 0 CRANBOURNE 1 (Gourley 75th)

SOUTH DANDELONG: C. Bravo, C. Valenzuela, M. Romero (45th), E. Ramos, J. Valdes, F. Jimenez, J.

CRANBOURNE: P. Mur, G. Wierszawski (V. Ibeas 57th), J. Redondo, E. Ansaldi.

SUNDAY: EPPING THISTLE v Melbourne UTD; SUNDAY: ST KILDA v NEPTUNE CITY; ST KILDA v West Essington; CHADSTONE v Port Melbourne; BALWYN CITY v Nth Melbourne; MACCABI v Belgrave; BUNYORU v Ardenia Utd.

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SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

Weisweiler remembered for success at 'Gladbach'

By Paul Moon

Although he served New York Cosmos, Barcelona and Cologne, Hennes Weisweiler will be remembered primarily as the man who built Borussia Moenchengladbach from a "village team" into the most powerful club in West Germany.

Weisweiler died of a heart attack, aged 63.

An only-slightly-above-average centre half, he appeared for Koeln and Bayern Munich when both were in undistinguished periods of their histories.

If Weisweiler made few waves as a player, his coaching prowess earned him a place in the annals of European football.

Without any money to buy big names, he structured a brilliant unit from local products and top-class, inexpensive signings from Denmark.

Jupp Heyenckes, Bertl Vogts, Allan Simonsen, Henning Jensen, Guenter Netzer and Rainer Bohoff all owed their star status to Weisweiler's eye for talent and his ability to won.

Playing exciting, attractive soccer, Borussia won the West German championship three times between 1970 and 1975, gained at West German Cup success in 1973 and two years later captured the UEFA Cup. The latter triumph was achieved with a 5-1 eclipse of Twente Enschede in Holland, after being held to a scoreless draw.

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Hennes Weisweiler

To this day, Germans contend that the culprit was an incensed Milanese.

A \$200,000-a-year contract lured Weisweiler to Barcelona, where his task was to win the Champions' Cup which had proved elusive to both him and the club.

Unfortunately, a personality conflict between the West German and Dutch superstar Johan Cruyff sabotaged Barca's superstars. Cruyff eventually issued an ultimatum: "Either Weisweiler or I go." It was the boss who went — after less than a year.

Back in his home country, this time with Koeln, the master coach once again proved his worth as the Rhinelanders landed the 1977 West German Cup and the league-cup "double" during the following season.

But, yet again, the Champions' Cup was a source of frustration. Cologne appeared set for the final, to be held on German soil, when drawing 3-3 at Nottingham Forest in the semi-final first leg. Badly hit by player injuries, Weisweiler made selection gambles for the second leg — and lost. An Ian Bowyer goal put Forest into the final against Malmö, which it won.

This uncharacteristic error may have resulted in the Koeln board stalling for an extension of his contract 12 months later.

Angered, he moved across the Atlantic to coach Cosmos for a reported salary of \$360,000 a year — the highest in world football. The latter triumph was achieved with a 5-1 eclipse of Twente Enschede in Holland, after being held to a scoreless draw.

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Although Eintracht Frankfurt and Real Madrid were both reported to be interested in appointing him, he instead joined FC Zurich.

In Switzerland, Weisweiler guided his new club to success in both league and cup. It was an appropriate swansong.

The British transfer boom is over, as the gloomy forecasts of financial disaster for the clubs begin to come true. And the majority of players look like playing for much lower wages in the 1983-84 season.

In contrast to the astronomical transfer fees of only a couple of seasons ago, the highest close-season transfer was the \$1.3 million paid by Arsenal for Charlie Nicholas, whilst the free-transfer list to be published in the P.A. on July 1st indicates that no fewer than 375 professionals are free, an average of over four players per league club.

Only Notts County and Aston Villa didn't release players, whilst at the other end of the scale, Preston North End and Chesterfield released 18 and 11 respectively.

Possibly the biggest shock is the quality of some of the discarded.

Three full internationals, Martin Buchan, John Devine, and George Wood head the list, and other famous players include "Supersub" David Fairclough, Trevor Ross, Alan Ainscow, Billy Wright, Mike Channon, John Lacey, Dennis Tuart, Ross Jenkins, Bob Hatton, Jimmy Neighbour and Ricardo Villa.

Kevin Reeves cost \$2 million when John Bond took him to City from Norwich. Now Bond, as manager of Burnley, has picked him up for a tenth of that sum.

George Wood has gone to Crystal Palace, John Wile has become player-manager at Peterborough. Billy Wright has gone to Birmingham and John Devine has signed for Norwich.

It looks too, as though the era of overseas players being lured to Britain also has ended, with the drying-up of cash.

Villa, a Cup-Final hero just 15 months ago has gone to Fort Lauderdale. Frans Thijssen has left Ipswich Town for Vancouver Whitecaps, and Vladimir Petrovic is leaving Arsenal for Belgrade.

Remember Claude Manganaro, who played for Sunderland, and Alex Sabella of Leeds United and Sheffield United fame? Despite their

375 freed in the UK

LES SHORROCK

comparative lack of success in England they are named in the Argentinian national squad.

Other notable imports unlikely to be seen in England again are Adam Musial of Hereford, Yakkha Banovic of Derby County, Ivan Golac of Southampton, Francois Van der Elst of West Ham, and Zemel Hadzibabic.

First Division freed players

ARSENAL: John Devine, Martin Buchan, John McNamee, Mark Gerhardi, John Hawley, John Hollins, Alan Vassell, George Wood.

BIRMINGHAM: Frank Carroll, Duncan McDowell, Derek McKay, Jeff Wealands, Nigel Winterburn.

COVENTRY: Steve Mardeborugh.

EVERTON: Alan Ainscow, Mark Leonard, John McNamee, Trevor Ross, Keith Tierney, Mike Walsh, Billy Wright.

IPSWICH: Ian Hurrell, Jimmy King, Ian Templeton.

LEICESTER: Dave Burman.

LIVERPOOL: David Fairclough, Tony Kelly, Ronnie Killen, Peter King.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Martin Buchan, Tony Whelan, David Wynn.

NORWICH: Phil Alexander, Mike Channon, David Lovett, Peter Mountford, Richard Symonds.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Einar Aas, Patrick Lundy, Nigel Thrower.

Q.P.R.: Ian Muir, Dean Wilkins.

SOUTHAMPTON: Jeremy Stagg, Peter Wells.

STOKE CITY: Cliff Wallace.

SUNDERLAND: Mike Buckley, Patrick O'Donnell, Barry Wardrobe, Mike Whitham.

CHARLTON: Leroy Ambrose, Steve Browne, Terry Taylor, Mark Simpson, Phil Walker.

CHELSEA: Gary Chivers, Phil Driver, Bob Iles, Alan Mayes, Paul Williams.

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SHREWSBURY: Carleton Leonard, Martin Sankey.

SWANSEA: Wyndham Evans.

TOTTENHAM: Pat Corbett, John Lacey, Georgio Mazzoni, Ricardo Villa.

WEST BROM: Andrew Lacey, Martin Pike, John Williams.

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WOLVES: Tony Kieran, Stephen Pugh.

Second Division freed players

BARNESLEY: Stewart Barraclough, John Bukovina, Ernie Heseltine, Dave Longden, Gary Pierce, Don Souther, Ronnie Wakefield, Philip Watson.

BLACKBURN: Gary Butler, Paul Castitive, Donald Murphy, Mike Salmon.

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Danny Thomas	Coventry	Spurs
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Mark Hatley	Coventry	400,000
Ally McCoist	Sunderland	350,000
Kevin Keegan	Rangers	300,000
Les Sealey	Bury	250,000
Ian Banks	Burnley	175,000
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IL FAWKNER FERMA LA JUVENTUS

Gli incontri diretti fra la Juventus ed il Fawker, per una supremazia morale fra le due accerime esponenti del campanilismo sportivo italiano di Melbourne, non hanno risolto alcunché.

Anche la sfida di domenica si e' risolto con un salomonico pareggio che ha inoltre anche pareggiato la leggera supremazia che la Juventus aveva dimostrato nel primo incontro. Questa volta e' stato il Fawker ad uscire dal campo a testa alta e con il rammarico di essere undato inutilmente molto vicino ad una vittoria di misura.

Come dicevamo la settimana scorsa, in sede di pronostico sul derby, la varietà di classe e' innegabilemente a favore della Juventus ma il Fawker faceva di quest'incontro il suo atto per da prova del suo orgoglio dopo un anno di squaliute dedite, se si tiene conto delle ambizioni del club, ma pur sempre piu' che decorosa per una matricola della massima divisione statale. Alla vigilia la Juventus appariva come una seria candidata allo scudetto, appiata com'era in cima alla classifica con Crotoni e Green-

Gully, mentre il Fawker, al sicuro dalla retrocessione e lontano ormai da un quarto posto, non sembrava avesse altro da dire in questo campionato, ad eccezione di rompere le uova nel panier della Juventus che adesso si trova ad una lunghezza dalle dirette avversarie per la vittoria finale. Con gli incontri diretti con queste ancora in programma, un punto non e' la fine del mondo (e non vogliamo ripartire di treni), ma il modo come la Juventus si e' fatta imbrigliare da una avversaria volitiva ma pur sempre non eccelsa e' quello che maggiormente preoccupa.

La difesa bianconera, se

piu' sicuro di poter contare su di lui come fino ad alcune settimane fa.

Ma il centrocampista della Juventus e' quello che ha deluso di piu' e non altrettanto domenica scorsa. Con Simeone convalescente dall'operazione al ginocchio o Lizardi titana di una giornata negativa che puo' succedere a tutti, Rogers a Ged Bannon non ce l'hanno fatta a controllare le azioni avversarie sul nascere e a spingere in avanti in funzione d'appoggio per l'attacco o d'infiltrazione come mezza punte Anzi Ged e' quasi riuscito una volta e si stava presentando da solo davanti a Terzini per sferrare quel suo caicciaccio che ha risolto tante volte la situazione per la Juventus, ma questa volta l'arbitro Bambridge lo ha fermato per una sciocca punizione a favore che ha ridicolizzato la

regola del vantaggio e che ha in effetti penalizzato la vittima dell'infrusione. E' probabile che la Juventus avrebbe potuto portare a casa i due punti se l'avversario non avesse commesso questo tipo di sventura di discrezione, come e' altrettanto probabile che avrebbe vinto l'incontro se Nelson e Zanni non avessero mancato occasioni d'oro dinanzi la porta avversaria. Ma nel caso di Nelson si sa che il ragazzo non ha la mira tanto azzerrata, mentre a Zanni bisogna dare l'attenuante di assersi spompato con corse vertiginose che lo hanno spesso reso pericoloso e che solo un Fattore in giornate eccezionali e' riuscito a neutralizzare, a volte magari senza tanti complimenti. Si tratta comunque di casi isolati, piu' che bilanciati, ma il problema del campo dove Palinkas ha mancato un'occasione d'oro ed una pericolosa mischia ha visto il rimbalzo andare a favore della Juventus allo scadere della partita.

L'attacco della Juventus non ha tanto convinto nell'assieme anche se tutti e tre gli attaccanti schierati all'inizio della partita abbiano fatto il proprio dovere, incluso French che ha lavorato come un negro. Il guaio e' che manca una certa intesa e che, specialmente Zanni, ognuno spesso la solleva per sé e poi invece dell'azione collettiva tenta sembra far fermo due degli attaccanti quando l'altro e' in possesso della palla, quasi sappiano che il passaggio non arriverà. Poi succede magari che Zanni, invece di andare in porta da solo come spesso cerca di fare, metta la palla al centro dove non c'e' nessuno a sfuttarla.

L'avvento di Cullen, come spesso avevamo fatto rilevare, puo' essere un motivo negativo per la prima linea juventina, anche se il nuovo arrivato ha classi e doti eccellenti. Egli però mette l'allenatore in una posizione d'angoscia imbarazzo poiche' e' difficile tenere in panchina un "capitale di \$10,000". Immaginiamo per un attimo che la partita fosse finita ugualmente in parità, o fosse stata persa dalla Juventus come era possibilissimo: chi avrebbe perdonato a Margaritis di non aver usato un connone come Cullen acquistato a forze di bigliettini da mille che comportano un valore non indifferente? Così come e' andata, Margaritis si e' stato molto critizzato per avere sostituito Incantalo con Cullen. Alla fin dei conti gli allenatori sono ammessi per essere critici ed esseri critici sono considerati solo brividi meno che un allenatore ha motivi molto piu' validi ed importanti di loro per voler vincere le partite e che se decide per un giocatore o l'altro non tiene certamente in considerazione l'origine etnica di questi. Ed a Margaritis non si



vento e per la visione di gioco che possiede, ma contro la Juventus domenica e' stato assolutamente il miglior uomo in campo dando una dimostrazione di eccezionale duplicità di ruolo e di fare lo "stopper" French, anche egli in buona giornata. Certo ha spesso ricoperto il ruolo di secondo libero spostandosi spesso sulla sinistra per bloccare un Zanni in gran vena, oppure aspettandolo al varco in ultima battuta mentre il libero Kondaros si metteva al riparo da possibili traversoni del veloce attaccante marcando gli altri uomini di punta sul destro. Sabbadini e' stato anch'egli molto sicuro e produttivo fino a che non ha dovuto abbandonare il campo zoppicante, mentre Schipano ha accusato della incertezza, oltre ad aver perso l'autorevolezza, ma ha svolto un lavoro costante e coraggioso.

Nemmeno il centrocampista del Fawker e' stato ungrante, principalmente per la poca forma di Cavallari (Bozikas non ha fatto molto di piu' quando e' sceso in campo), ma Palinkas e' spesso tornato indietro a prendersi la palla a contrastare gli avversari, Carlo Sabidussi ha fatto una discreta distribuzione e Bruna Sabidussi ha corso abbastanza per ragionare gli uomini per coprire in ritirata. L'attacco, a parte Palinkas, ha deluso alquanto dato l'inabilità di Gazzola di far gioco d'assalto, specialmente quando in panchina ha un Cullen che deve scendere in campo a tutti i costi.

Il "FATTORE" DOMINANTE

Se il Fawker potesse giocare tutto il campionato come gareggiatore Juve, la sua squadra di Jules Road sarebbe in lotta per lo scudetto

la domenica prima, tanto per non andare piu' indietro alle partite contro Crotoni a Green Gully, il Fawker visto contro il Morwell e' apparso squadra molto limitata sia nelle individualità che come assieme.

Ma la Juventus ha il dono, negativo per il suo bene, di cambiare i giocatori azzurri in altrettanti leoni. A parte il compionismo e la rugine che esiste fra i due clubs, il Fawker ha sempre il vantaggio psicologico di non avere nulla da guadagnare se non da guadagnare e, cosa piu' importante, di avere nelle sue file tre ex giocatori bianconeri che non cercano di meglio che vendicarsi del club che non li ha saputo apprezzare. Roberto Terzini, Sergio Sabbadini, Carlo e Bruno Sabidussi erano gli ex che ci si aspettava di vedere domenica scorsa; ma per buona misura Cirkovic buttava nella mischia anche Cavallari, che nelle settimane precedenti non era stato nemmeno in panchina, sperando ovviamente che Tiziano "l'avesse fatto pagare alla Juventus". Il ragazzo purtroppo ha dimostrato l'ovvia mancanza di forma ed ha fatto molto poco, anche se ha messo in mostra un paio di volte quei suoi ottimi tocchi che comunque erano cosa già risaputa da sempre. Speriamo ora che Cirkovic insista con Cavallari per dargli finalmente la possibilità di provare una volta per sempre la sua classe indiscussa. Se questo non bastava c'era pure sempre in panchina un altro giovane ex, Gianni Sannipoli.

In compenso il Fawker non ha sovertito le considerazioni tecniche a suo riguardo, la squadra e' quella che e' non sarà la prova di domenica a farla incutere terrore nelle massime esponenti del campionato. Il suo problema da classe con il cuore ed ha avuto la fortuna di un Fattore in grande vena. Il ragazzo, alla sua prima esperienza in lega statale, si e' sempre distinto per la sua sicurezza di inter-

un pochettino di considerazioni per i poveri portieri che hanno dovuto giocare con le mani gonfie.

Ottima anche la scena d'apertura messa in atto dal club Juventus, con l'erezione della gigantesca insegnina attraverso la quale sono passati i giocatori bianconeri, e del lancio di palloncini nei colori del club; peccato che tutto si e' limitato lì e che il resto del pomeriggio sia stato "normale amministrazione" visto e considerato che la partitura fra due squadre di giovanissimi giocatori junior non e' nulla di nuovo.

A titolo di cronaca diciamo che le due partite della Juve sono contrapposte al dispiacere che la prima squadra del Fawker data alla prima squadra bianconera, battendo per 2-1 le riserve azzurre e rovinando loro le possibilità di vincere il campionato cadetto. Sembra proprio che il compito principale delle due squadre italiane sia quello di recuperare "guastafeste".

IL MOWELL INCIMPINA

...Sabato scorso il Morwell, dopo aver dato segni di ripresa nelle ultime settimane, e' scivolato sulla classic buccia di banana rappresentata dal finalino di coda dell'Hellas. Il club greco e' ovviamente preso dalla disperazione con le recenti disavventure amministrative, dopo le continue brutte figure delle sue due squadre, la lega nazionale e di lega statale. Il Morwell si e' sentita tutta la forza anche brutta di questa disperazione poiche' i ragazzi di Armstrong hanno fatto vedere i classici sorci verdi alla attenuta formazione di Morwell, mettendo in mostra un gioco veloce e senza tanti complimenti.

A farne le spese piu' di tutti e' stato McLean che, innervosito dal trattamento ricevuto fino ad allora, ha perso le staffe e si e' fatto espellere poco dopo l'inizio della ripresa. Altri giocatori del Morwell hanno ricevuto ammonizioni e protesto contro l'operatore dell'elenco e persino l'allenatore Bangi s'e' beccato simili sorti.

Il Morwell ha premiato per la maggior parte dell'incontro, collezionando sette calci d'angolo contro nessuno degli avversari, che invece pernavano alla segnatura verso la fine della partita, prima su contropiede di Cumming e quindi su rigore concesso per atterramento di un avversario da parte del portiere Halkett che sostituiva l'infortunato Whiteside.

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